

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claim 11 will have been amended to correct a typographic error. In particular, the term "apparatus" will have been changed to ---method---.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner set forth the Restriction Requirement in the present application. In particular, the Examiner asserted that claims 1-6 and 11 are directed to an apparatus, while claims 7-10 and 12 are drawn to a method. Of course, by the present amendment of claim 11 to recited "method", Applicants submit that the Examiner's Restriction Requirement will define Group I, to which claims 1-6 are directed and drawn to a method, and to Group II, to which claims 7-12 are directed, that is drawn to a method.

By the present response, Applicants elect Group II to which claims 7-12 are directed. These claims read on the elected Group.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Applicants have addressed the Examiner's Restriction Requirement and have elected Group II, drawn to a method and to which claims 7-12 are directed. Applicants have also amended claim 11 to eliminate a clerical error and informality.

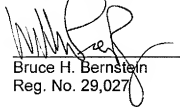
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an action on the merits of claims 7-12 in due course.

Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should an extension of time be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extensions of time required to place the application in condition for allowance by an Examiner's Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this Response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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